

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1513

To exempt from the Freedom of Information Act certain photographic images of deceased persons that are taken by or for medical examiners.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2005

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFOR-**
4 **MATION ACT OF CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHIC**
5 **IMAGES OF DECEASED PERSONS TAKEN BY**
6 **OR FOR MEDICAL EXAMINERS.**

7 Section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “or” at the
10 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period and
2 inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(10) copies, reproductions, or facsimiles of any
6 photograph, negative, or print, including instant
7 photographs and videotapes, of the body, or any por-
8 tion of the body, of a deceased person, taken by or
9 for a medical examiner at the scene of the person’s
10 death or in the course of a post mortem examination
11 or autopsy of the person made by or caused to be
12 made by a medical examiner.”.

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